

**Agenda for
City Council Members' "NOON" Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2000
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
Conference Room 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Director's Minutes for October 9, 2000.
2. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for October 9, 2000.
3. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Entryway Corridor Design Standards - October 2, 2000.
4. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: Groundwater Investigation at Old North 48th Street Landfill Site - October 2, 2000.
5. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: East "O" Street Widening Update - October 2, 2000.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting (Cook)
3. ISPC Meeting (Fortenberry)
4. Board Of Health (Johnson)
5. Multicultural Advisory Committee Meeting (McRoy)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

1. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments (See Memo).
2. Memo from Jennifer Brinkman - RE: Boards and Commissions Upcoming Appointments (See memo).

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Nebraska Tax Research Council's - Fiftieth Tax Forum and Annual Meeting on Friday, November 10, 2000 at the Cornhusker Hotel, 13th & L Street – RSVP by Tuesday, November 7, 2000 (SEE BROCHURE FOR MORE DETAILS ON COST AND SCHEDULE).
2. WorkWell, Inc. - City Of Lincoln 2000 - The Beginning ... – on Thursday, November 9, 2000 - Downtown Holiday Inn, 141 N. 9th Street from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Registration from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.) - WorkWell members \$25 per person or \$200 table of ten FOR Non-members \$35 person or \$300 table of ten – Keynote Address: Kevin Saunders – Please return enclosed RSVP postcard & payment by October 20, 2000 (SEE INVITATION & ENCLOSED RSVP CARD).
3. The Nebraska Council on Economic Education and The University of Nebraska College of Business Administration invite you and your colleagues to attend the Council's Annual Luncheon Meeting - Please celebrate with them as John Paul Lenney, President of McGraw-Hill/Irwin Honors Dr. Campbell R. (Mac) McConnell on the 40th Anniversary of the first publication of his classic economics textbook and recognizes Mac's significant contributions to economic literacy. – On Thursday, October 26, 2000 at Noon at Embassy Suites, Lincoln - \$25 a ticket or \$250 table of ten. (SEE INVITATION & ENCLOSED RSVP CARD).
4. Advertising Federation of Lincoln - Stand Up and Be Counted - Political Consultants-Phil Young and Richard Hoppe - On Wednesday, October 18, 2000 - Social at 11:45 a.m. - Lunch at Noon at the Top Of The Rock, 14th & "P" St. (See Invitation).
5. Lincoln Action Program - The Phoenix Award Reception at the Old Country Buffet, 23rd & "O" Street - On Saturday, October 28, 2000 - The event will include a breakfast buffet starting at 8:00 a.m. and the Reception starting at 8:30 promptly - RSVP to Connie Burkey at 471-4515 by Oct. 20th to confirm your attendance - (See Invitation).
6. Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters has been enriching the lives of thousands of local youth since 1970. The Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters Gala Event - This year they invite you to join them as they celebrate our 30th Anniversary on Saturday, October 28, 2000 - Lied Center For Performing Arts, 301 North 12th Street - 6:00 p.m., Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres & 7:00 p.m. Dinner - Keynote Speaker-Retiring U.S. Senator Robert Kerrey - Silent and Live Auctions - Awards - Black-tie optional attire - \$50 a ticket (See Invitation & Enclosed RSVP card - RSVP no later than Oct. 10th).

7. October Updowntowners Membership Lunch Meeting - on Wednesday, October 25, 2000 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Windsor Stables, 1024 L Street - Special Guest: Julie Lattimer, Star City Parade - Lunch is \$8.00 (No-shows will be billed) - RSVP to 434-6507 by Oct. 20th (See Invitation).

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

III. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes
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Council Members Present: Jerry Shoecraft, Chair; Jeff Fortenberry, Vice-Chair; Jon Camp, Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Coleen Seng; **ABSENT:** Cindy Johnson.

Others Present: Ann Harrell, Mark Bowen, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Darrell Podany, Aide to Councilman Camp; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Chris Hain, *Journal Star* representative.

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Mr. Shoecraft, Council Chair, requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Annette McRoy moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Cook with the following amendment: Directors' Minutes of October 9, 2000 at Page 9, Item 13 - the name in Mayor Wesely's remarks to Mr. Shoecraft should be changed from "Polly McMullen" to "Dave Pauley". The minutes, amended as shown, were approved by the following vote: **AYES:** Jonathan Cook, Annette McRoy, Jerry Shoecraft, Jeff Fortenberry, Coleen Seng, Jon Camp; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Cindy Johnson.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. **PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng)** Ms. Seng reported that smoking areas for the Hall of Justice were discussed once again. She commented that Dana, who is also the attorney for the Building Commission, had drawn up some revisions for the regulations, but even now, they must be redone. Eventually there will be location regulations on the smoking areas; right now, however, the Southeast

corner on the front side and the Southwest corner on the back are being designated as smoking areas.

Ms. Seng continued her report noting that the County has either purchased or leased the Allied Building out on 46th just off of Vine Street near the auto licensing center. They have tried to purchase the property before and the price was too high. They're waiting until after the May election and may even wait until after the November election, and then, there will be voting booths going in there.

Ms. Seng reported that the State of Nebraska has leased for a Treasurer's space in the old Police Building. They'll start moving in January or so under a five-year lease. Ms. Seng also noted that the PBC also approved the security system around the "K" Street Plant at \$1500 per year.

Ms. Seng reported that Jon had brought up the issue of tiles in the hallway of this [County-City] building. Mr. Cook thought the problem was terrible. Ms. Seng noted that the problem seems to be with the cement cracking underneath the tiles. Mr. Camp noted that the concrete really has to 'cure' for a year or two, so there's the contraction of that; plus the heavy carts that pull in and out of the building, with some not having the rubber wheels, all contribute to the problem.

Ms. Seng continued her report noting that the Mayor's Downtown Action Group had received a report from Dallas McGee on the request for qualifications for the Old Federal Building. Mr. McGee gave the same report to the Public Building Commission. She noted that we're right in the middle of this process now.

Mr. Cook brought forward the issue of the smoking area downstairs [in the County-City Building] being right in front of gigantic fans that are never turned on....he commented that he realized at regular speed they would probably take the smokers in with the smoke...but he wondered if there was any way of having the fans turned on at low speed just to move the smoke out rather than have it collect there as one walks through the area. Ms. Seng explained that those fans are to evacuate air out of the building...that's what those fans are for and they will be used very seldom...only in case of some pollution. Mr. Camp thought if there were a fire it would pull carbon monoxide out of the building. Mr. Cook asked if they would draw air through them and blow it into the parking garage instead of taking it out. Ms. Seng noted that they will not be used very often. Mr. Camp reported that the PBC did say that they were going to position the smoking area farther north so it isn't right at the entryway and stairwell.

Ms. Seng reported that another issue that was discussed was the food service survey. She noted that Valentino's seemed to be having a terrible time staying in business here. Ms. Seng commented that she hoped all of the Council Members had returned their surveys, because they were all counted. A brief discussion continued

regarding the service, or lack thereof, at the “Courtyard” facility. Mr. Camp noted that 55% of the survey respondents indicated that they ‘brown bag it’ for lunch. Mr. Shoecraft noted that the variety at the “Courtyard” isn’t adequate.

As the discussion began to meander down a lane of whimsy, some Council Members suggested that an entrepreneur be placed in the building’s ‘cafeteria’ facility. Mr. Cook thought perhaps cart vendors could be brought in to set up in the hallways during the lunch hours, with Ms. Seng agreeing, but noting that they would have to have balloon tires to be admitted. [Laughter]

2. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (Cook) Mr. Cook reported that it was actually a very short meeting. He noted that the main portion of the meeting consisted of updates on the various park projects such as Densmore Park and the library site, with the same considerations on the north side site. The projects are coming along. There had been some comments that the library seems closer to the road as it’s being built, than had been expected. Mr. Camp asked what type of right-of-way it had. Mr. Cook asked if he meant along 14th Street, noting that along 14th Street, he was sure that the right-of-way was only 100 feet. He commented that this was the problem that he had with the widening project that is currently on paper, which hasn’t been put into effect yet because the intersection has to be redesigned at 14th and Old Cheney. Mr. Cook did not know how many years away that was, but the bike trail for the kids walking to the new high school will be right up against the road...again...not enough right-of-way for it to place the trail any further back. So, it’s very frustrating.

Mr. Camp commented that he was disappointed that they didn’t put [inaudible] in the City project. [A further comment by Mr. Camp was also inaudible]

3. ISPC (Fortenberry) - Mr. Fortenberry did not attend. He stated, however, that he talked with the Committee and the meeting agenda was regarding the current server installation process.

4. BOARD OF HEALTH (Johnson) - Carry Over to October 23rd Meeting (in Ms. Johnson’s absence)

5. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that they had presented an overview of Antelope Valley. They had also discussed the affirmative action officer position. The Mayor was there and discussed different job openings within the City.

Mr. Shoecraft commented to Mr. Bowen that, in regards to openings, he thought Mr. Bowen, or someone from the Administration had indicated that the City Clerk's position would be advertised. He asked if that *had* to be done. Mr. Bowen indicated that it was required. Mr. Shoecraft commented that it is his desire and hope that Joan [Ross - Deputy City Clerk] would get that position. He felt that would provide an opportunity for some of the other department employees in the Finance and Clerk's Office for advancement. He noted that it is an unfortunate way to get a promotion, but he felt that if the City hired someone from the outside for the Clerk's position, it would not be good for employee moral. He stated that he hoped the advertising this opening is just a formality, reiterating that it is his desire that Joan get the position.

Ms. Seng asked if Ms. Ross has applied for the position. Mr. Bowen indicated that he did not know. Mr. Shoecraft noted that she is going to apply, commenting that the position had only been opened this week. Ms. Seng indicated that Council needed to let her know that they want her to apply for the position.

Mr. Cook asked who ultimately makes that decision, asking if it was the Finance Director or the Mayor? Mr. Shoecraft stated that both the Finance Director and the Mayor would be involved in the decision.

Mr. Bowen commented that both men are working together on it, but Don Herz will ultimately ask the Mayor what his preference is for the position.

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS: - None

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - Noted Without Significant Comment except the LES nominations. Mr. Camp noted that there were three people up for appointment. Ms. Harrell nor Mr. Bowen had additional information on the applicants. Mr. Camp commented that he would appreciate some additional information.

IV. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS – Noted Without Significant Comment other than the discussion of the Meetings posed to the Council by Planning and by Kent Seacrest's Office. The clarification regarding those meetings revealed that the Planning Department Meetings were for updates on Antelope Valley while the meetings with Mr. Seacrest were being scheduled to discuss 84th Street and Highway 2 development.

V. COUNCIL MEMBERS

JONATHAN COOK - Mr. Cook commented on the “Governing” magazine article regarding new City Halls, noting that our brand-new City Hall here is somewhat less than impressive. San Jose was showing their City Hall which is really a building that looks to future use. He noted that here, our building is, basically, a utilitarian building. Ms. Seng asked if Mr. Cook remembered at the time of the building of this complex just how criticized the Building Commission was for undertaking this building project. Mr. Cook recalled that when he and David Hunter had been running for some election and lost, they had talked about voting for the project. There wasn’t talk of the design of the building at the time. When people around the country have been willing to vote funding for more impressive buildings....

Mr. Fortenberry commented that the next time we need a new City Hall, let’s just buy Whittier. A multitude of problems would be solved. Mr. Cook thought it might cost as much to update Whittier as to build. Mr. Fortenberry noted that Mr. Cook’s question is an interesting one. Mr. Fortenberry stated that he always believed that architecture reflects the disposition of the culture of the moment or time. In some places where government is more revered and considered more honorable, rather than just utilitarian and administerial, you do have a more grand style reflected. It is a statement of a particular culture toward its government. Here the State Capitol is the grand statement of government. Mr. Cook observed that, then, the people of Lincoln don’t consider City government so honorable. [A collectively wry smile from Council]

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

CINDY JOHNSON - Absent

JERRY SHOECRAFT - No Further Comments

JEFF FORTENBERRY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng commented on correspondence she had received from Nadine of the Home Builders. She asked if the other Council Members had received copies, offering to pass the letter around if they had not. She commented that the letter was in regard to an appointment the Mayor of Omaha had tried to make. It was a former City Clerk that the Mayor had tried to appoint to the Housing Authority and the Council turned her down. Ms. Seng noted that Nadine had written “thank goodness for Lincoln”.

Mr. Cook commented that the Omaha Council is allowed abstentions. He remarked that in this case only four council members voted, all voting the same. He did not know how people feel about that rule of procedure [no abstention votes allowed] in Lincoln. He felt it was a silly requirement that Council members *must* vote. He felt Council members would almost always vote, but once in a while, we shouldn't have to go out of our way and sign paper work in order to justify why we feel it is a conflict or why we believe we should otherwise not be voting on an issue. He felt this was a silly rule. Mr. Fortenberry noted that it was one of those things that must have been abused 50 years ago and it's been in the culture since, without challenge.

Ms. Seng asked if everyone had seen the "Not So Smart Growth" article in the most recent "Governing" magazine. She wanted to encourage everyone to read the article which covers compulsive annexation.

JON CAMP - Mr. Camp commented on the letter received by Council regarding 70th and Highway 2 requesting an evening public hearing on that issue. He asked what the wishes of the Council might be on this request. Mr. Cook asked when it is on the agenda now? Ms. Harrell noted that the applicant had some things to accomplish before it would be scheduled on the Council agenda, so, she did not believe there had been a date set for it at this time. There was a general consensus among Council Members that the public hearing on this issue should be held at a night meeting. Ms. Seng requested Ms. Harrell to let the Planning Director know that this is the wish of Council. Ms. Harrell indicated that she would do that.

Ms. Harrell noted at a later point in the meeting that if Council had a night meeting on Highway 2 issues, then she would assume that they would not try to get that in during October since the October night meeting would already have the Antelope Valley issue on the agenda. The council did not dispute that assumption.

ANN HARRELL - No Further Comments

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VI. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - None

VII. MISCELLANEOUS - None

VIII. MEETING ENDED - Approximately 12:40 p.m.